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Multiple agencies train in integrated active shooter response

LĪHU'E – Kaua'i first responders are making a collaborative effort to continue education and training in active shooter response.

Last week, approximately 30 personnel from the Kaua'i Police Department, Kaua'i Fire Department, state Department of Public Safety, and American Medical Response participated in a two-day Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERTT) course called Active Attack Integrated Response (AAIR). The course was designed to improve integration between multiple agencies of first responders, with a special focus on enhancing survivability of victims during an active attacker event.

"The growing number of mass casualty incidents throughout our country has shaken communities worldwide, including our own community here on Kaua'i," said Kaua'i Police Assistant Chief Roy Asher. "As first responders, we are committed to continuous education and training so that we're up-to-date on the latest protocols that will better serve our people and save the lives of our citizens. We thank all participating agencies in last week's training, along with ALERTT instructors for their time and dedication towards the overall protection of our people."

The AAIR training was held at King Kaumuali'i Elementary School, on March 21 and 22, while the school was closed for spring break. It entailed both classroom and field instruction, including a simulated, high-stress scenario using actors coming onto campus in a threat-like fashion.



The course also provided a model framework for law enforcement, fire, and EMS personnel to integrate responses during an active attack through the Rescue Task Force concept. This concept focuses on providing care to a victim as soon as possible by having medical responders, with the guided protection from law enforcement, enter potentially hostile situations.

The Rescue Task Force concept also aligns with the new National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) provisional standard which details how fire departments and emergency medical technicians can aid in a mass casualty incident and increase survival rates.

“Part of this new standard is to train our medical technicians in responding to what is called the ‘hot and warm zones’ where the all-clear from police has not yet been made,” said Deputy Fire Chief Kilipaki Vaughan. “The NFPA guidelines suggest scenarios where our personnel should continue to render aid to victims in these active zones. We thank our law enforcement agencies and all involved in this important initiative as we work to train all our first responders in this life-saving protocol.”

Last week’s training was conducted by officers from the Kaua’i Police Department, and adjunct instructors from the ALERRT program based in Texas.





Above: Personnel from the Kaua'i Fire Department, the Kaua'i Police Department, and the State Department of Public Safety completed a two-day Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) last week, conducted by certified KPD officers and ALERRT instructors of Texas.

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